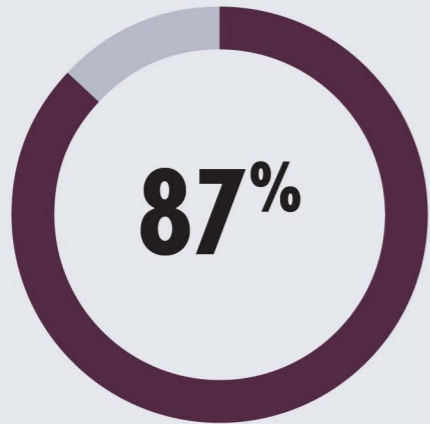


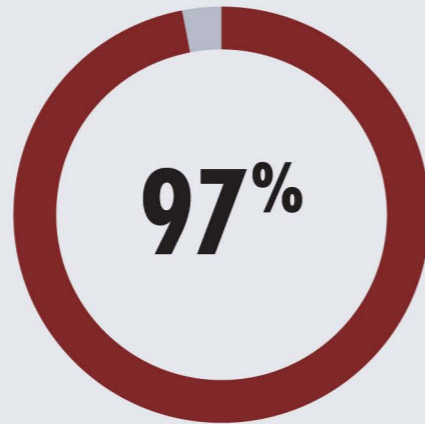
# 2023 South Dakota School Libraries FACTS & STATS



# 2022-23 SCHOOL LIBRARY FACTS



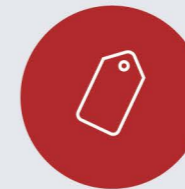
**Districts/Systems**  
in South Dakota  
have a school library



**Students**  
have access to  
a school library



**1.3 items**  
per student  
were added to  
collections



**\$14.91**  
spent on new materials  
per student



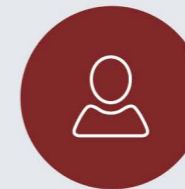
**24 items**  
checked out  
per student



**84% of students**  
checked out at least  
one book during  
the school year



**6,100**  
classes visited  
school libraries  
every week

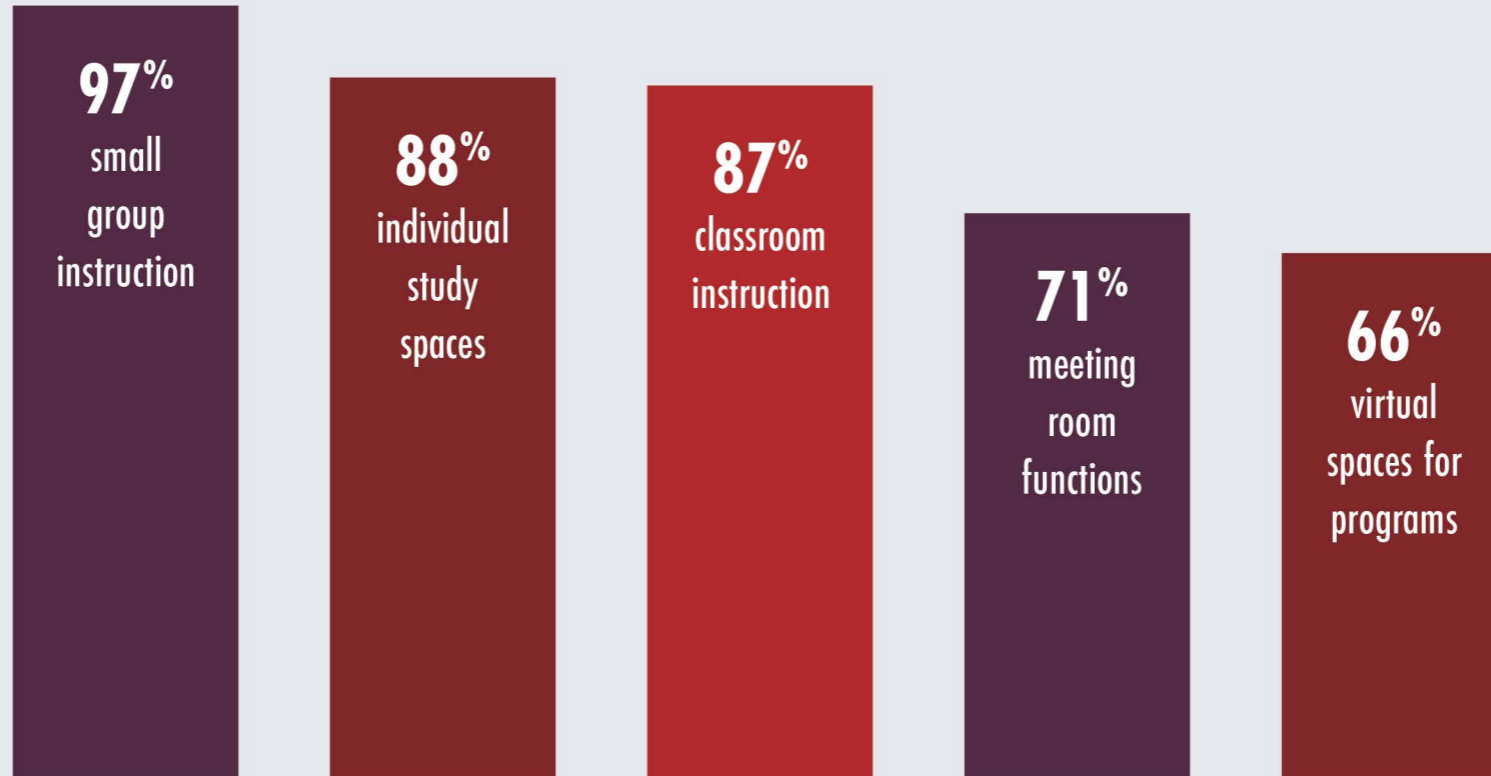


**8,600 students**  
visited school libraries  
independently every day

# SCHOOL LIBRARIES: THE PLACE

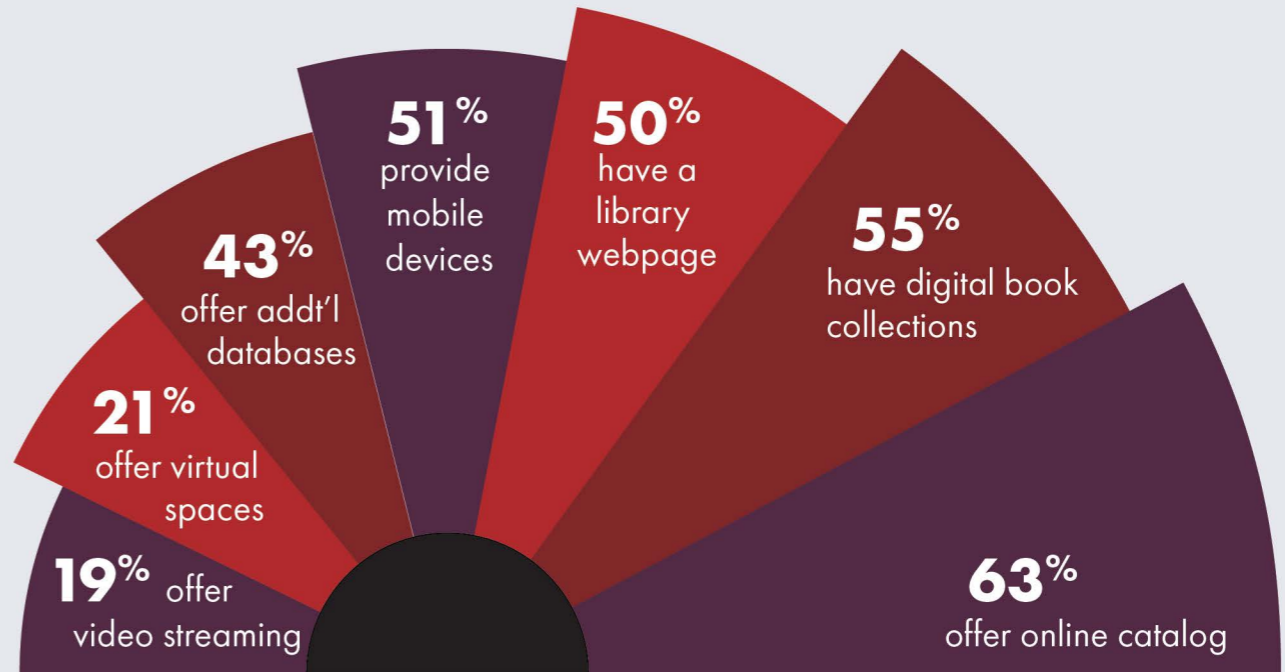
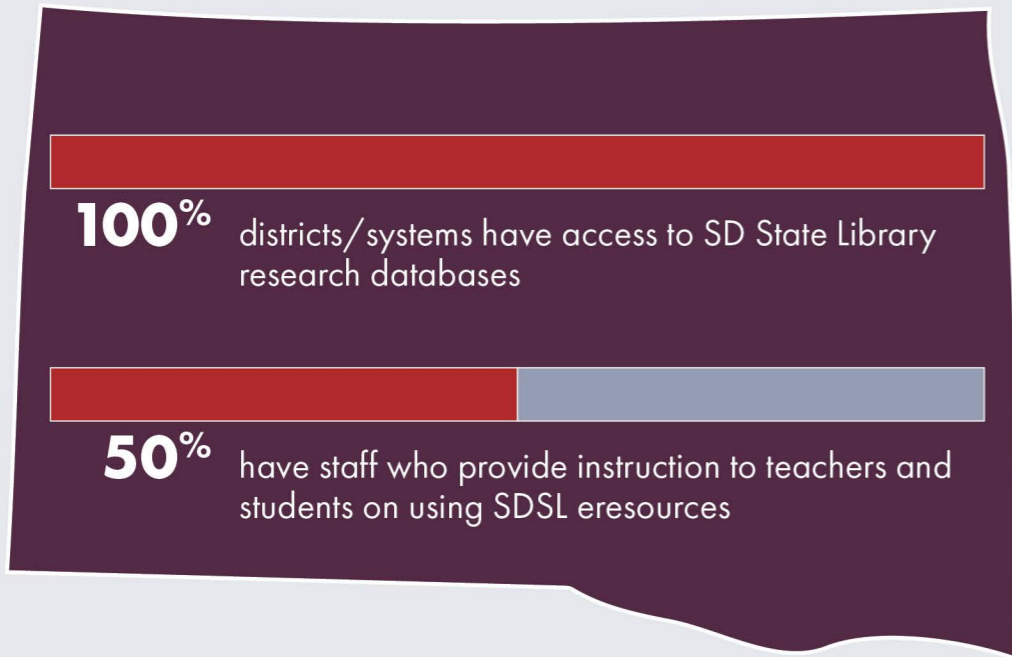
405 school libraries in South Dakota incorporate spaces that accommodate various learning styles and educational needs.

## DISTRICT LIBRARIES ACCOMMODATE:



# SCHOOL LIBRARIES PROVIDE DIGITAL RESOURCES

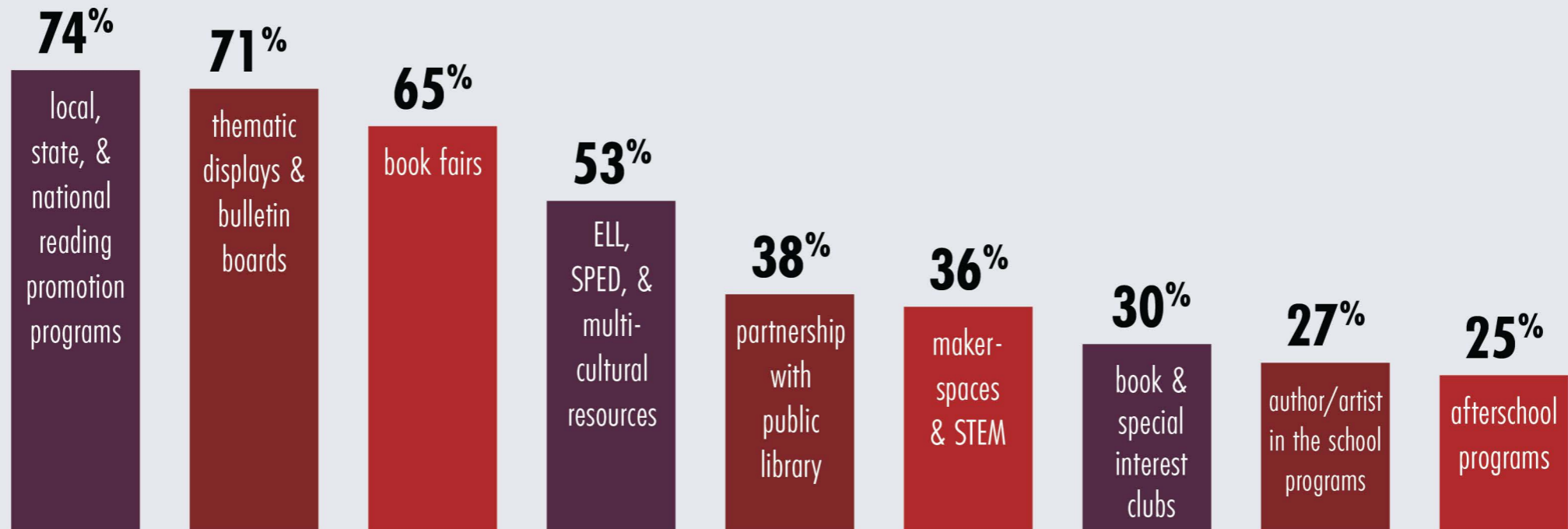
School libraries provide digital access to educational resources that provide extended access to students outside the library.



# SCHOOL LIBRARIES: THE PROGRAM

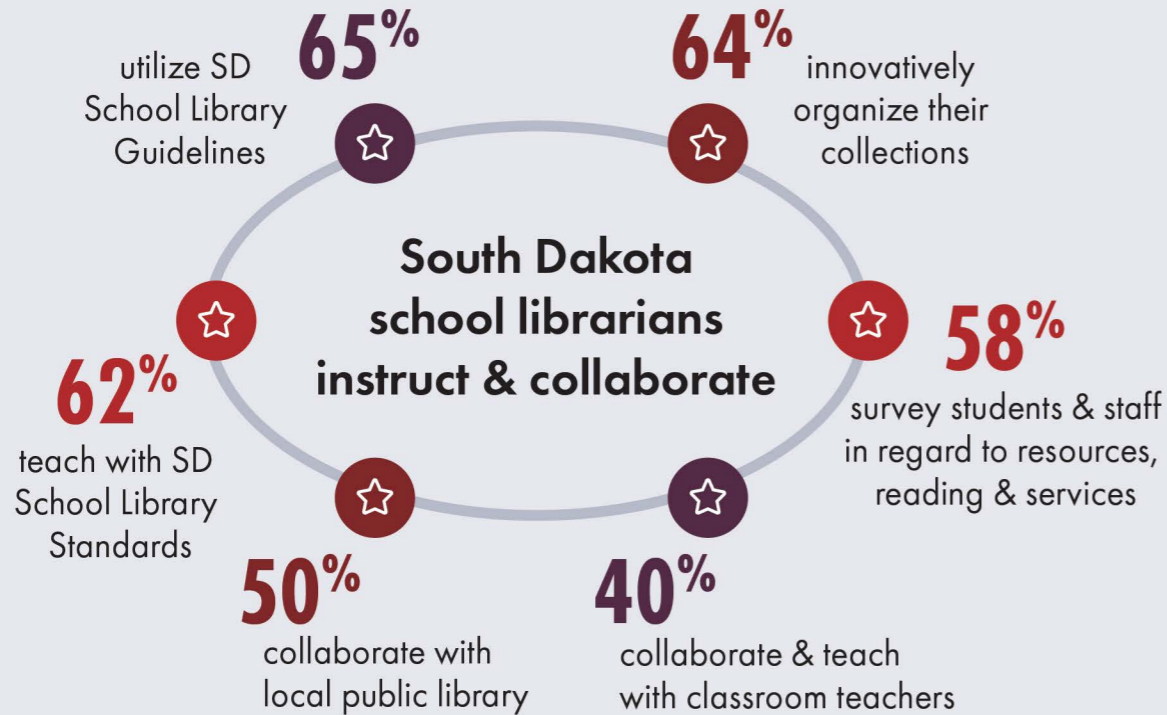
SD school libraries provide programs and activities that link literacy and student interests.

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES OFFER, HOST, AND PROMOTE:

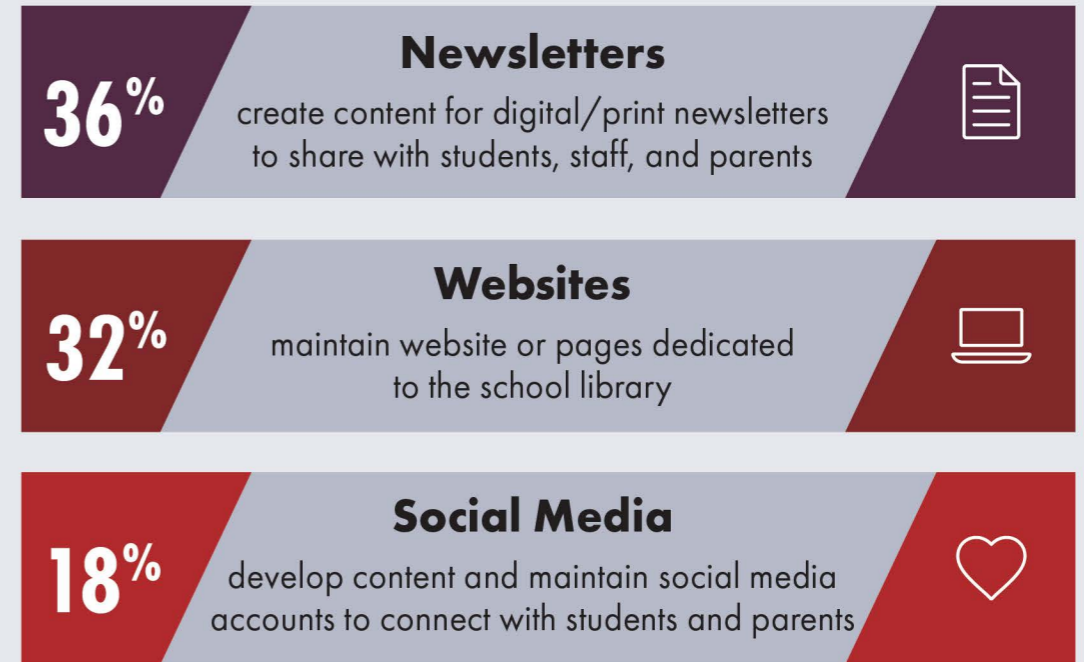


# SCHOOL LIBRARIES: THE PROFESSIONAL

School librarians play a crucial role in their districts in providing both instruction and curriculum support.

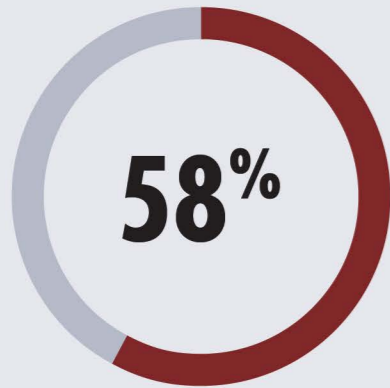


## South Dakota school librarians communicate with:



# SCHOOL LIBRARIANS ARE DISTRICT TEACHERS & LEADERS

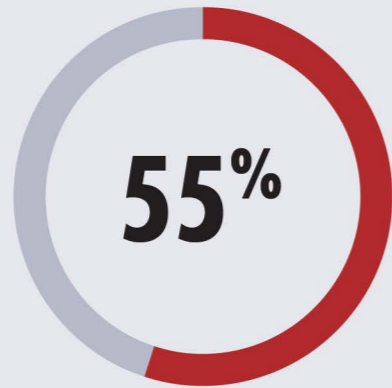
School librarians enhance the overall quality of the school through learning and leadership activities that build a positive learning environment.



**58%**

**attend**

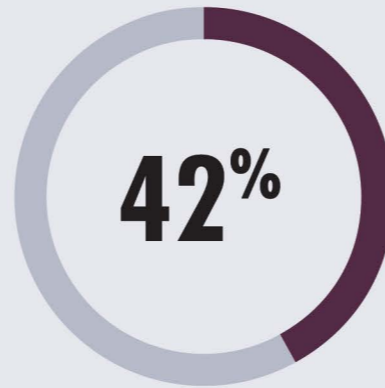
district meetings  
and in-services



**55%**

**engage**

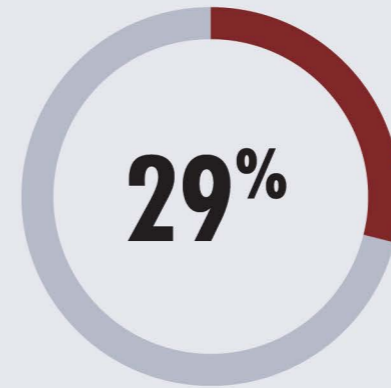
in professional  
development



**42%**

**serve**

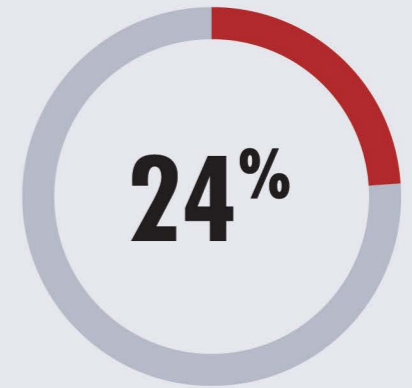
on district-wide  
committees



**29%**

**present**

and participate  
at workshops  
outside the district



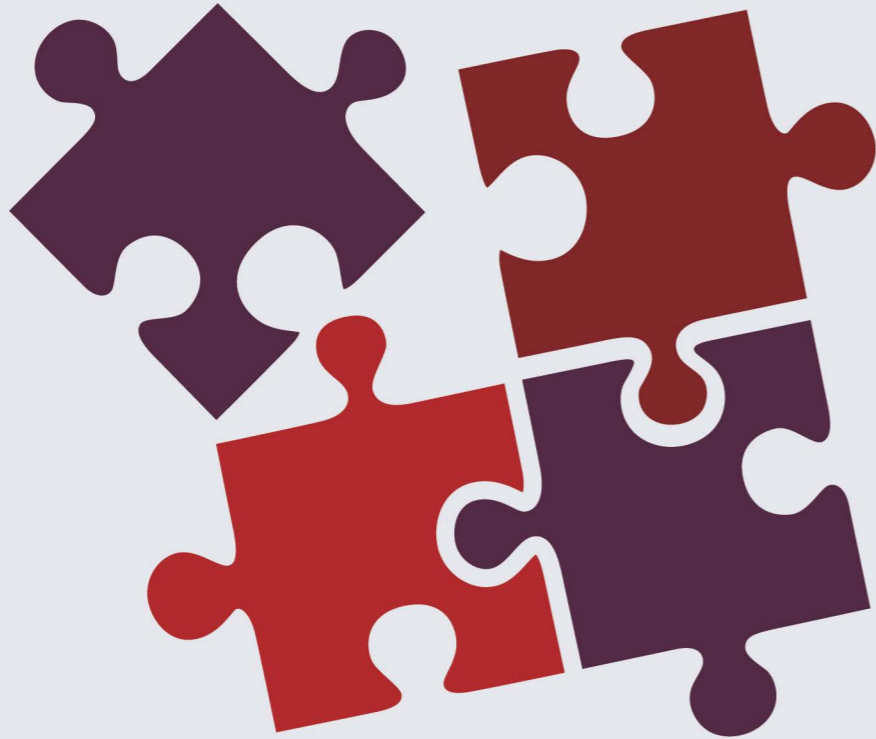
**24%**

**deliver**

PD opportunities  
for district teachers  
and staff

# SCHOOL LIBRARIES: THE PROFESSIONAL

School librarians have a variety of educational backgrounds. 80% serve multiple roles within their schools.



- **Librarians**  
23% are certified teacher-librarians  
(with library endorsement)
- **Teachers**  
13% are certified teachers in the library  
(no library endorsement)
- **Paraprofessionals**  
64% are library aides or paraprofessionals



# 21ST CENTURY SCHOOL LIBRARY AWARDS

South Dakota State Library formally recognizes the following schools with libraries that meet the characteristics of a 21st century school library.



## EXEMPLARY 2023-2026

- **Alcester-Hudson**  
Elementary School  
Alcester
- **Alcester-Hudson**  
Junior High/High School  
Alcester
- **Douglas Badger Clark**  
Elementary School  
Box Elder
- **Belle Fourche**  
High School  
Belle Fourche
- **Discovery**  
Elementary School  
Sioux Falls
- **Rapid Valley**  
Elementary School  
Rapid City
- **R.F. Pettigrew**  
Elementary School  
Sioux Falls
- **West**  
Middle School  
Rapid City
- **West Central**  
Middle/High School  
Hartford

## ABOUT the 2023 SCHOOL LIBRARIES FACTS & STATS

Every year South Dakota public school districts, non-public school systems, tribal/BIE (Bureau of Indian Education) schools and state special schools are surveyed about their libraries. The information here reflects the activities of 181 districts and systems that responded to the South Dakota School Library Survey (85% response rate). Many thanks to the dedicated school librarians and administrators who contributed to their time and attention to this data collection.



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